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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Incorporated for Approval of an  
Increase for Water and Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions  
**Docket No: 2014-346-WS**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On March 12, 2021, counsel for Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Incorporated ("DIUC") filed a draft Notice of Settlement, Increase in Rates, and Future Proceedings ("Draft Notice") pursuant to a Directive issued by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") in this Docket on February 25, 2021. According to that Directive the Commission required that, "prior to sending out the notice to customers, [...] ORS be given an opportunity to review the notice and approve it, and then notify us in writing that it has been approved and show copies to all parties, prior to submission to the customers." While counsel for DIUC and counsel for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") discussed the Draft Notice over the course of two weeks, they were unable to agree on the appropriate language. Accordingly, ORS has not given its approval to the Draft Notice filed by DIUC. Upon review, ORS raises two principal concerns:

1. The Draft Notice does not sufficiently apprise DIUC's customers of the Reparatons Surcharge that DIUC seeks to levy upon them. The Draft Notice merely apprises DIUC's customers of the "average amount for each type of customers' surcharges." Accordingly, should the Commission approve DIUC's bid to charge its customers a Reparation Surcharge, it is entirely possible, and statistically probable, that a large percentage of DIUC's customers will actually see a Reparation Surcharge that exceeds what DIUC noticed. In order to sufficiently apprise its customers of the potential Reparation Surcharge, ORS would respectfully request that the Commission

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approved Notice indicate the maximum amount that any one DIUC customer may be charged by a Reparation Surcharge.

2. The Draft Notice fails to indicate the date on which parties may intervene. ORS respectfully requests that the date be at least 30 days from the date on which DIUC sends out the Commission approved Notice.

As a result, ORS is unable to recommend the Commission approve the Draft Notice and would respectfully request that the Commission require DIUC to make the appropriate revisions prior to sending out a final Notice to its customers.

Sincerely,



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